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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, AWACS, IC
SUBJECT: AWACS: POSSIBLE COAST GUARD USES

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1. DURING COURSE OF AWACS BRIEFING, BRIG. GENERAL PIOTROWSKI, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM ICELANDIC COAST GUARD OFFICIAL, NOTED THAT AWACS SYSTEM COULD HAVE APPLICATION FOR COAST GUARD NEEDS (REFTEL). APPARENTLY ICELANDIC COAST GUARD WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN LOCATION REPORTS ON FISHING AND OTHER VESSELS IN OCEAN AREAS AROUND ICELAND THROUGH THE AWACS SYSTEM BY INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT ON COAST GUARD VESSELS. GOI SEEMS VERY INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING UP ON THIS POSSIBILITY.

2. SOURCE IN MFA HAS JUST INFORMED EMBASSY THAT DR. THORGEIR PALSSON WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON ON MARY FIRST AND SECOND AND WULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH US AWACS SPECIALIST TYPE OF EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR THE COAST GUARD TO UTILIZE AWACS SYSTEM AND HOW THIS EQUIPMENT COULD BE OBTAINED. DR. PALSSON WILL BE
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DEPARTING ICELAND SATURDAY, APRIL 22. IF POSSIBLE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING NAME OF POSSIBLE CONTACT FOR DR. PALSSON IN WASHINGTON BEFORE THAT DATE. OTHERWISE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S NOTIFYING ICELANDIC EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OF NAME OF PROPOSED CONTACT PRIOR TO DR. PALSSON'S ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 1.

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3. FYI: ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE,
DR. PALSSON, A PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND,
HAS A BS, MA, AND PHD FROM MIT. HE ALSO WORKED FOR
THE ANALYTICAL SCIENCE CORPORATION IN
READING, MASSACHUSETTS AND REPORTEDLY HELD A USG "SECRET"
CLEARANCE WHILE WORKING FOR THEM. HE IS CONSIDERED A
"SYSTEMS SPECIALIST." IF ANY ICELANDIC SECURITY
CLEARANCE WOULD BE NEEDED, GOI WILL BE PLEASED TO
PROVIDE IT.
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